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SUBJECT: REGIONAL ENERGY OFFICERS TRAINING SESSION, OCTOBER 8-9, THE HAGUE

Ref: CANAVAN/ENERGY OFFICERS E-MAILS 07/31/09 AND 07/02/09

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED; PLEASE HANDLE ACCORDINGLY.

1. (SBU) The State Department's Office for the Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy (S/EEE) and Embassy The Hague will host an internal energy conference October 8-9. This training continues the tradition of similar events in Athens and Sofia in recent years. The objective is to provide energy officers across the region a forum to learn about energy developments in Eurasia and their geopolitical context. The conference will also provide a venue for officers in the field and interagency Washington-based colleagues to review our strategy to advance U.S. energy objectives. This is an excellent opportunity for new officers to quickly gain an in-depth understanding of complex regional energy issues. The aim is also to strengthen relationships and information sharing between colleagues in neighboring posts to ensure energy is viewed as a regional, rather than country specific, issue. Please see paras 3 and 4 for registration instructions.

ATTENDEES

2. (SBU) This meeting is intended for energy officers and key Washington working level staff. Addressee posts include EUR capitals and major supplier countries to Europe. If posts and/or Washington agencies have suggestions of others in the field or in Washington who should be included, please advise. Due to space considerations, we envision approximately 40 participants.

ACTION

3. (U) Overseas posts and Washington invitees are requested to register attendance as soon as possible, but no later than September 23. Contacts at Embassy The Hague are:

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HOTEL

¶4. (U) Embassy The Hague has reserved a block of rooms within per diem at the Hotel Des Indes (Lange Voorhout 54-56, The Hague) from October 7 to 10. The hotel is located near the chancery and off-site conference venue. The hotel will guarantee the special rate until September 15; breakfast is not included in the rate; reservations can be cancelled until October 6 without penalty. Participants should make their own hotel reservations using the following link to a dedicated web-site:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0908286234&key=D4B40>

COUNTRY CLEARANCE REQUESTS

¶5. (U) As soon as possible, attendees should send e-country clearance requests containing flight information to Embassy The Hague.

VISAS

¶6. (U) AmCits do not require a visa to attend this training. AmCits can enter the Netherlands on either a diplomatic or regular passport

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and can stay for up to 90 days without a visa.

ARRIVALS

¶7. (U) Transferring from Amsterdam's Schiphol airport to The Hague is straightforward. Trains run from the airport to Den Haag Centraal every 30 minutes, at :28 and :58 after the hour. Tickets are 7.50 Euros and can be purchased from an automated kiosk using a credit card, or from a ticket window using cash or credit card. From the Den Haag Centraal train station, it is a 10-15 minute walk or short taxi ride to the Hotel Des Indes. There are several ATMs at the airport and in The Hague for obtaining Euros.

BADGES

¶8. (U) All attendees should bring their official USG-issued ID badge for access to Embassy The Hague.

CONFERENCE FEE

¶9. (U) Embassy The Hague does not plan to assess a conference fee for this event.

AGENDA/SCHEDULE

¶10. (SBU) Following is a basic outline of the program. Participants will receive a more detailed schedule closer to the training date. The agenda is based on input from energy officers overseas and in Washington.

Wednesday 7 October:

18:30 Welcome reception hosted by DCM Michael Gallagher with energy contacts

Thursday 8 October:

08:15-17:00 External expert presentations at off-site venue. Topics will include:

- Europe's Energy Supply/Demand picture
- EU Energy Policy/Strategic Energy Review
- Geopolitics of Oil and LNG
- Renewable Energy Economics and Impact
- Pipeline Politics/Caspian Basin
- Russia/Gazprom
- Nord Stream/Northern Europe

19:00 No-host dinner

Friday 9 October:

08:15-15:00 Internal briefings & discussion at off-site venue and chancery. Topics will include:

- U.S. Domestic Energy Strategy
- News from Washington
- Southern Corridor Pipelines Status
- Briefings on Ukraine and Central Asia
- China's Influence on Eurasian Energy
- Concluding Thoughts and Next Steps

15:00 Conference closes

15:30 Energy Roundtable with Special Envoy Morningstar at think tank Clingendael International Energy Program (Optional for conference attendees)

17:00 Reception hosted by Clingendael

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